GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2922
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2008
COST SHARING ON RAILWAY PROJECTS
Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are charging 50 percent cost value from State Governments for completion of various railway projects;

(b) if so, the details of the railway projects sanctioned on the basis of equal contribution of the cost value by the Union Government and the State Governments during the last two years;

(c) whether the State Governments concerned have agreed to provide 50 percent cost value of the ongoing railway projects in their State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. R. VELU)

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2922 BY SHRI HANSRAJ G. AHIR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.12.2008 REGARDING COST SHARING ON RAILWAY PROJECTS.

(a): No, Sir. However, State Governments have been requested to share atleast 50% of cost of new line and gauge conversion projects in their state to expedite completion. Some of the State Governments have come forward to share cost of the ongoing projects and new projects at the time of processing for approval.

(b) to (d): In the last two years and the current year, following projects have been included in the Railway Budgets on 50% contribution by State Governments: -

(i) Uttarakhand - New broad gauge line from Deoband (Muzzaffarnagar) to Roorkee (27.45 Km);

(ii) Karnataka/Andhra Pradesh - New broad gauge line from Cuddapah to Bangalore (Bangrapet) (255.4 Km); (Andhra Pradesh Government has agreed for 50% sharing of cost);

(iii) West Bengal - Gauge Conversion of Burdwan to Katwa (51.52 Km);

State Governments have agreed to provide funds for these projects.